



DEUTSCHERVEREIN

Die Zeitung

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The Jasper Deutscher Verein was founded in January, 1980 to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage, in Jasper and surrounding area. The Club is intended to be primarily Social and Not-For-Profit.

Strassenfest

This year traffic was down year over year but we believe this can be attributed to four additional food booths. The weather was absolutely perfect.

Profits after payment of all expenses are \$15,667.08. This money will be used for meeting expenses all year, JHS German Club travel group, scholarships, ROJAC support and our Foundation.

Thank you to all who worked in the various booths, the shift and day chairs for their excellent supervision and instruction, and the workers who helped construct, clean, decorate and tear down the booths. Also, we would like to thank the various businesses who supply special items that make our job easier.

A special "thank you" to Dan and Linda Wehr for being such great mentors. Their guidance and knowledge made our first year a rewarding experience.

Thanks to all of you who have embraced and accepted us since we moved to Jasper in 2003. We are thrilled to be a part of Jasper Deutscher Verein and so much enjoy the various activities and German traditions you promote.

See you next year!!

Pat & Phyllis Schuler

September Deutscher Verein Family Picnic

The Jasper Deutscher Verein Family Picnic was held on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Park beginning at 4pm. The Suds Club hosted the "First Annual Homebrew Competition". The members and guests of the German Club were asked to vote for their favorite "German Style" lager beer. The winners were: 1st Justin Rumbach, 2nd Steve Dills, and 3rd Adam Meyer.

President Al Bennett opened the evening with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed the more than 200 members and guests to the annual picnic which is a

"thank you" to all the members for the time and effort given the club during all the projects for the last year, especially Strassenfest. Groups of guests were recognized: The Suds Club, the German exchange students and their host families, the travelers who took the 25th Anniversary Sister Cities trip to Pfaffenweiler, the Strassenfest Committee and Erin White, the JHS German language teacher and club advisor and her husband. Also recognized were new club members who joined since the last meeting in May: Todd Drake, Norman and Ruth Weber, Donald Eck, Melvin Neukam and Tom and La Donna Watson.

President Bennett then introduced and thanked the 1st year chairpersons of the Family Picnic, Aaron and Heidi Rasche. Aaron and Heidi then thanked all of the many club members who worked to make the evening a memorable event:

- The Suds Club for supplying the "Octoberfest" and "Weitzen" beer for the evening.
- The welcoming committee consisting of Norb Kreilein and Joe and Irene Eckerle.
- Everyone who helped decorate, set up, and clean up on both Friday and Saturday: Joe and Kathy Wanninger, Bob Fleck, Jan Hulsman, Wolfgang Erhardt, Gabi and Harry Guensche, LaVerne Kieffner, Nancy Burton, Matt Hilger, Patti Goepfrich, Al and Judy Bennett.
- Mike Ackerman for assisting Aaron in both loading and unloading supplies.
- Master chef Wolfgang Erhardt and all of his "souse chefs".
- Patti Goepfrich for all she does each year before, during and after the picnic.

Aaron announced the dinner menu: Schweinerippen mit Sauer Kraut, Kartoffelbrei und Rot Kraut (Pork ribs with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, and red cabbage). Aaron also thanked members and friends for bringing salads, vegetables and desserts.

Matt Hilger gave the meal prayer in German and V.P Birnie Jeffries led everyone in singing "God Bless America".

After dinner, Birnie led everyone in a rousing chorus of "Ein Prosit". Al then introduced Pat and Phyllis Schuler, first year chairpersons for the Strassenfest food booths.

He thanked the Schulers for all the hard work they did in managing such a monumental project. Pat then, thanked those who worked so hard to make this year a success. He gave a summary of the Strassenfest food booths which will be available elsewhere in the newsletter. Finally, Leo and Lora Lou were honored as this year's "Hofmarshall".

Al thanked Linda Wehr, Kathy Hilger, and Rita Egler for refurbishing the club cabinets at the Schnitzelbank. He encouraged everyone to visit the Schnitz and take a look.

Al introduced Matt Hilger, with the Sister Cities Partnership Commission who discussed upcoming events:

- Sunday, Oct. 3: Oktoberfest 2010 sponsored by the Sister Cities of Jasper as a fund raiser for the JHS Student Exchange Program, from 3 – 8pm at the Schnitzelbank. There will be a German Buffet with Salad Bar, plus entertainment and beer tasting provided by the Suds Club. More information in this newsletter.
- Wednesday, Oct. 6: German Heritage Day Celebration, will begin with dinner at 6pm and awards following at the Schnitzelbank. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Call Patti Goepfrich at 482-4821 for reservations. More information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Al and Matt then presented a check for \$2000 to Erin White as part of the club's contribution to the JHS German Exchange Program. The contribution was made from the proceeds of the Strassenfest Souvenir Stand. In addition, our club supports the program with 100% of the proceeds from the auction in November. There is an additional \$100 for each student who works the Strassenfest Souvenir Stand and/or prepares a report.

To begin the entertainment portion of the evening, Birnie led everyone in singing, "In Heaven there is no Beer". Al then introduced Jeff Kunkel from Indianapolis, an extraordinary musician, who played polkas, waltzes, etc. on his accordion for both listening and dancing. In addition, Matt led a group of dance-challenged men in the German Schuhplattler, a dance that mimics the behavior of the male Auerhahn (similar to a turkey). This bird courts the female by flapping his wings and kicking up his feet. Nancy Burton judged and challenged the guys with top Schuhplattler honors going to Mike Ackerman.

Many door prizes were awarded: six mum plants, two Jasper umbrellas and two tote bags from the souvenir stand, three "Partnerschaft" tee shirts donated by Art and Irene Kapp and one \$20 gift certificate for Oktoberfest 2010, donated by Erin White.

During the evening Aaron and Heidi conducted the children's games and awarded prizes from Chocolate Bliss.

Special prizes were won by Elmer Kreilein, Ed Kreilein and Irene Kapp.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any and every way. It was a great joint effort as most successful events are!

Respectfully submitted

Al Bennett
For Barb Schmitt, Secretary.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

November

At the Jasper VFW Auction for Student Exchange Thursday, November 18, 2010

Dan Hoffman has graciously agreed to conduct our Annual Auction of donated items with 100% of the proceeds supporting the Jasper High School German Exchange program. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item or two for this auction. Please be generous! Items donated in previous years have included baked goods, crafts, furniture, homemade wine and liquors, German items, Holiday items and even a whole hog! Be creative! The more variety and quantity of items we can have in the auction, the more funds will be raised to support the exchange program. Come prepared to have some fun.....and to bid!

Time: 6:00pm social gathering
6:30pm appetizers and dessert buffet
7:00pm club meeting

Members with last names beginning A – P are asked to bring an appetizer, Q – Z are asked to bring a dessert.

There will be a sign up sheet for the Christmas Dinner at this meeting.

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At the Jasper VFW Thursday, December 16, 2010 Christmas Party

A Thought from your Vice President

What type of person runs for office? I have asked this question to myself many times over the last 5 years of my adult development. Personal motivation drives me to take on things that appear to be a challenge. I have always liked challenges - both physically and mentally. I have always believed that if your going to be involved - you may as well be a leader!

The key to life and success, is to be able to do what you like to do and then strive to do that to the best of your ability.

Being President of the German Club for the next 2 years is not reason to have a mental breakdown. We have a membership thats nearing 500 strong and half of those attend meetings regularly. We are financially strong and we do not make a habit of asking members for money. We have a Board of Directors that absolutely supports their officers.

Our mission is simple - Have fun and be as German as you possibly can be. You will not find the name of "Jeffries" in any cemetery in Germany. We came from the Wales and with a whole lot of Scottish Irish mixed in to give us a sense of humor.

Sooo - I expect my phone to begin ringing very soon as my search for a Vice President and Secretary gets going seriously. Phone 326-2414 for answers.

Whoever you are - you will enjoy working with me in leading this club for the next 2 years. I am known as the "Great Communicator" and this is one title I'm proud of.

At your service,
Birnie Jeffries
Vice President and Currently
President Elect 2011 and 2012

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News from the Dubois County Suds Club Results of the Strassenfest Home-Brew Contest

The Dubois County Suds Club is holding its next meeting on Tuesday, November 9, at 7 p.m. at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Jasper. Anyone who homebrews or wants to learn how to homebrew is encouraged to attend. In addition to monthly meetings, the club also holds group brew sessions and live

demonstrations throughout the year. Meetings are always free to new members. Call 630-8433 for more information.

Thanks for inviting the Suds Club to be part of your annual fall picnic! German Club members polished off ten gallons of Oktoberfest and ten gallons of wheat beer in just under two hours! We will ratchet up our supplies next year to make sure we don't run out again!

Any questions on the DC Suds Club, call 630-8433 or email jrumbach@hotmail.com.

Justin Rumbach

News from JHS German Student Exchange Program

Advent Calendars will be going on sale in November! You may call Erin White at 812-482-6050 to purchase or see her at the November meeting.

Also a huge thank you to all that made our latest endeavors possible. Our check presentation at the September meeting means so much to our group and the turnout at the Schnitzelbank in October was excellent! My students become more excited with each passing month and with your help, the students can enjoy it without worry.

Look forward to our annual Chili Supper during Basketball Homecoming in February.



Potential New Club Members

If someone knows of a potential new club member and would like information about the Deutscher Verein forwarded, please contact Rita Egler at 634-9068.

Interesting facts about the Munich Oktoberfest:

- 1) It takes an experienced beer tender (bar tender) at the Oktoberfest 1.5 seconds to pour a 'Mass' of Beer (1 liter approx. a Quart of Beer)
- 2) Once an 'experienced' beer tender was able to get 289 Mass of beer out of a 200 liter keg. While this kind of record is the exception, the servers are controlled thoroughly to assure they fill the glass +/- 10%.
- 3) The largest brass band concert with 300 musicians takes place every year on the second day of the Oktoberfest, when all the musicians from the many fest tents perform together.
- 4) An attraction which no other festival offers anymore is the flea circus. It is part of the festival since 1948 and about 60 fleas fascinate especially the children during their performance.
- 5) The probably most famous unskilled worker at the set up of the 'Wiesn' (Oktoberfest as it is called in Munich = Bavarian dialect for Wiese = Meadow) was Albert Einstein. I put in light bulbs while being an intern for an electrician in Munich.
- 6) 2010 marks the first Oktoberfest with a complete smoking ban.
- 7) The Theresienwiese is 42 hectare (103 acres) large, 31 hectare (76 acres) of them which are used for the festival.
- 8) The average amount of people visiting during the two weeks of festival are around 6 Million with a seating capacity of 100,000 seats.
- 9) There are approx. 12,000 people employed during the festival, 1,600 are waiters.
- 10) An average of 60,000 Hectoliters (1,585,032 gallons) of beer are sold during the Oktoberfest and almost 500,000 grilled chickens.
- 11) There are around 1,800 Port potties located around the festival.

Matthias Hilger

Jasper Deutscher Verein By-Laws

Dan Wehr took on the project of working with Bill Kaiser to review the Jasper Deutscher Verein By-Laws. It had been several years since these By-Laws had been reviewed and the Board felt it was time to have this

reviewed. It has taken two years for this project to have come this far.

A Draft of the By-Laws is out on the Deutscher Verein website at www.jaspergermanclub.org or call Dan Wehr or Al Bennett to review a paper copy. These By-Laws will be voted on by the membership at the November, 2010 meeting.

Thank you to Dan Wehr and Bill Kaiser for your efforts. They are appreciated.

Oktoberfest 2010

Thank you very much to all who attended the first Oktoberfest 2010 sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper to benefit the JHS German Student Exchange Program. The parents of the students involved in the Exchange Program provided beautiful baskets which were raffled. Basket winners included – Dan Gutgsell, Kim Lottes, Madeline Patterson, Michelle Buffington, Michelle Bramlett, Rita Egler, Karen Grewe, Bob Dilger, Patti Goepfrich, Toni Laux, Erin White, Julie Tempel, Patrice Pelletter, and Bob Grewe. Thank you to Cory and Erin White for soliciting many different venues for items which were included in the baskets and on the silent auction.

Those having winning bids in the silent auction included Nancy Eckerle, Carolyn Mowat, Julie Tempel, Paul Marks, and Bob Dilger.

½ Pot winners were Dave Kieffner and Al Bennett.

Thank you to those who donated items for the silent auction and supported the students with cash donations.

We hope to see you in 2011!!!!

Meet Judith Osterloh

Judith arrived in Jasper on July 22, 2010 and was hosted by the Mike and Staci Hanselman Family. Judith is 19 years old and is from Wittnau, Germany, a community near Pfaffenweiler.

She visited JHS the first two weeks during the beginning of school. Her school in Germany is St. Ursula Gymnasium in Freiburg.

During her stay with her host family, she was able to visit the Amish, enjoy Indianapolis, the Smoky Mountains, and visited the Biltmore Estate. She enjoyed picking apples and cooking new recipes with her host Mother.

Meet Julia Schenkel

She enjoyed doing things that she cannot do in Germany because of the differences in climate and culture. Judith's school in Germany is an all girls' school. The building is smaller than JHS but there are more students in her school. Her school doesn't have as many activities as there are at JHS. She noted the strong Wildcat spirit at JHS. Her school does not offer as many subjects but she does participate in language, math, and physical education in Germany. There are many tests at JHS and in Germany as well as homework and lunch at both schools.

Judith wanted to learn the differences between the German and American schools and try new things and meet new people in Jasper. She chose Jasper because it is the Sister City of Pfaffenweiler and had heard many stories about Jasper and JHS.

She believes she had the best host family ever!!! She enjoyed the larger family and it was never boring. Judith is very grateful for her American experiences and wants to say thank you to all who made this dream come true. Judith went back to Germany on September 3rd.



Julia Schenkel is 15 years old and arrived in Jasper on July 22, 2010. She is from Pfaffenweiler and is the Granddaughter of Karl Kiefer.

Julia attend JHS as a Junior. In Germany, she attends a girls' school in Freiburg. At JHS, she participated in Theater and German Club and the Jasper Marching Wildcats where she plays the clarinet.

She enjoys being with friends, going out, dancing, and watching movies with friends. In her school in Germany, she doesn't get to choose her classes. Every day is a different schedule and goes to school until 1:00pm. She leaves school for lunch and there are breaks after every other period for about twenty minutes. The teachers come to the students' rooms. The students stay in one room for most of the day.

Julia chose to come to Jasper because it is a Sister City of Pfaffenweiler and wanted to live away from home to be more independent and to improve her English. She will return to Pfaffenweiler on December 22, 2010. Her host family is Tom and Stephanie Reinsch.



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